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CURLING

The Red Cross 'Spiel held on New Year's Day was the first curling event of the season and when the ice was reported to be in very good condition.

There were nine rinks entered in the competition which was split into a winners' and losers' draw. Prizes were awarded to the winning rink in each section.

The net proceeds of the 'spiel', amounting to \$9.00, was donated to the Red Cross.

Following were the results:

Winners

Wordie beat McNaughton

Caithness .. Wordie

Studer .. McLeod

Wyman .. Berscht

McCoy .. Edwards

Semi final

Studer beat Caithness

McCoy .. Wyman

Final

McCoy beat Studer

Consolation

McLeod beat McNaughton

Edwards .. Berscht

In the semi-final McLeod beat Edwards and Wordie got a bye.

Final

Wordie beat McLeod

Items of Interest

Although the kilt is no longer fashionable fighting garb in the British Army, it is known that one Scottish unit sailing with the First Division of the Canadian Active Service Force wore the beloved kilts. However, this garment will later be discarded for the new battle uniform in order to establish and maintain a standard in dress. At the moment an earnest battle-letter is being carried on in the columns of London papers regarding the merits or otherwise of the kilt, the majority of participants in the controversy being medical men. All of them are positively pro or con with no sympathy for the opposition. In the midst of this battle of the post an interlude was furnished by a present day Fraser who furnished an extract from an ancestor's diary written during winter operations at Quebec. The officer ancestor, one of Fraser's Regiment, wrote of the distress caused by lack of trousers in "this terrible climate." He added that the Ursuline Nuns had been generous in knitting long woollen hose for the comfort of the Scots soldiers.

BIRTHS

Didsbury General Hospital

Dec. 21, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Shantz, a son, Ronald Claire.

Dec. 30, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Davies, a daughter.

Legion Will Launch Drive for \$500,000

The Canadian Legion soon will launch a Dominion-wide appeal for \$500,000 to support the war services it is sponsoring to help the soldiers who are carrying on the high traditions established in the last year by the gallant Canadian troops, Alex. Walker, of Calgary, president of the provincial command of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., said Tuesday.

Mr. Walker attended a periodic executive meeting at Edmonton, at which this appeal was discussed.

At the Movies.

Modern motion picture magic has colored the brighter pages of history in a new salute to heroic scientists. It is "Yellow Jack," at the movies tonight, Friday and Saturday, dedicated to those five who risked their lives to free humanity from the yoke of yellow fever. Dramatic scenes, unusual romantic appeal and a new type of heroism.

Entertainment of the sort that is guaranteed by the inclusion of the "Dead End" kids in the cast of any picture is provided by them in a heap measure in their latest Warner Bros. production, "Hell's Kitchen," which will be screened next Monday and Wednesday, January 8 and 10.

Cpl. Nat Gregory, of the 8th Field Ambulance, R.C.A.M.C., spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Ady.

Building Activities During Past Year

Building activity during 1939 was greater than for several years.

Modern stucco residences were built by Messrs. W. E. Rieder, W. Pitt and James Caithness, and a residence for Mr. F. Kercher is in the course of erection.

Smaller houses were built by Messrs. Clifford Mortimer, Hans Olsen and Mrs. Cummings.

An addition was made to the residence of Mr. H. D. Booker and Mr. Walter McCoy made additions and modernized his residence.

Mr. Tom Collinge, west of town, also made extensive additions and modernized his farm home.

Ring in New Year's at Melvin Hall

The New Year's was heralded in at Melvin Hall early Monday morning with a dance which commenced shortly after midnight.

There was a big crowd from both town and country.

Harry Hall's orchestra supplied the music and the celebrants had a high time without getting too exuberant.

Knox United Church Notes

At all points on the Charge the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. You are invited to join with us in the Communion Service as one who desires to show his love for God, and desire to obtain the mercy and forgiveness we are offered through a crucified Saviour. Begin the New Year by attending church.

The message of the Minister will be based upon Paul's call to the Corinthians to measure up to a high ideal.

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The King Among His Soldiers in the Front Line



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His Majesty recently made a thorough inspection of the Empire's fighting forces in France. Here he is seen looking over an anti-aircraft gun and its crew well forward in the battle line.

Miss Jessie Topley Seriously Injured In Auto Accident

Miss Jessie Topley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Topley, was seriously injured in an auto accident near Okotoks on the evening of December 23rd last, while on her way home here to visit her parents.

Jack Nash, of Calgary, young insurance man and driver of the car, sustained fatal injuries. Other passengers received numerous injuries and suffered from shock.

The scene of the collision is reported to have been a stretch of highway made treacherous by drifting snow.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who were called to the scene, were informed that one of the cars turned out to avoid an oncoming car and, in turning back to the proper side of the highway, collided with another machine coming from the opposite direction.

Latest reports are that Miss Topley, who is a nurse at the Galt Hospital, Lethbridge, is progressing favorably in the Calgary General Hospital.

I.O.D.E. Send Sweaters to Soldiers

Christmas presents in the form of sweaters were sent by the I.O.D.E. to all the soldiers who enlisted from the Didsbury district.

The wool was purchased by the Chapter and the sweaters were knitted by the members. Nineteen sweaters were sent out and there is no doubt they will be fully appreciated by the recipients.

Canada's First War Loan

Ottawa's announcement that preparations are under way for Canada's first war loan, now scheduled to make its appearance during the first quarter of 1940, is good news inasmuch as it will provide the rank and file of Canadians with an opportunity to make their first direct contribution to Canada's war effort. The backbone of Canada's participation in this war will be financial because of the vast amount of foodstuffs, materials and military supplies that will be required from this country. True, much of these materials will be paid for by the Allies, but some of the British purchases in this country will have to be financed by Canada, and Canada's own program will be extensive. It seems probable that at least 40 per cent of the national income will be required in the next year to meet the cost of war and the other expenditures of all governments in Canada and to finance British purchases here.

It is indicated that the forthcoming war loan will have bonds as low as \$50 in denominations, and it is the hope of the Minister of Finance, Hon. J. L. Ralston, K.C., that every Canadian will become a creditor to the Canadian Government through his or her ownership of a Government bond. A creditor relationship of every citizen with his government is an assurance of good government and of good citizenship.

Harold Erb, of Calgary, was a holiday visitor at his home here.

Evangelical Church Notes

Next Lord's Day the pastor will use the thought of Daniel's Devotion in his morning subject, and the evening theme will be "The Imperatives of Life."

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Population And Perspective

The present trend in the direction of declining populations in many countries of the world, and particularly in the civilized democracies has been the subject recently of a note of alarm on the part of a good many authorities.

The alarmists among other things, have pointed out that in this trend there is a danger of the more civilized nations being ultimately overwhelmed and subjugated by nations who are more interested in warfare than in culture, who consider it more important to have on hand a large supply of fighting men than a smaller number of people devoted to arts of peace and commerce.

Whether or not the visions of these prophets are destined to be realized sooner or later is a matter of interesting speculation and, if so, when the debacle of the democracies from this cause is likely to be precipitated.

The direful forebodings of these prophets of woe are invariably based on the assumption that numbers mean everything and quality means little or nothing. They do not take into account the possibility that a comparatively small number of well educated, highly scientific, freedom-loving people with the initiative that is the inevitable concomitant of freedom may be worth, in physical combat, a numerically greater force which has been subjected to tyrannical rule which has been given no opportunity for self-expression and which knows not enlightenment.

Nor do these seers of pending disaster take into serious consideration the greater effectiveness of highly developed weapons of defence in the hands of those nurtured under the beneficence of a democratic regime compared with the machinery of offensive warfare wielded by groups who have been regimented under the heels of oppressors and who have been taught blind obedience to the orders of the "all-high."

Some Good Things

Whatever may be the outcome of this trend towards depopulation in the more enlightened and cultured nations of the world, with a concurrent rise in population in countries where the populace is more ignorant and has little or no liberty, it is interesting to note that there are some good things in store eventually for those democracies with dwindling populations, if Josiah Cox Russell, Assistant Professor of History at the University of California is correct in his assumptions.

Basing his conclusions on historic studies dating back as far as A.D. 200, Professor Russell reaches a decision that if population continues to decline we may ultimately expect, among other things, simplification of government, a tendency among the reduced populations to lose the success and prosperity motifs and to admit simpler virtues.

Whatever may be thought of the value or otherwise of a loss of what Professor Russell terms "the success and prosperity motifs", there can be no doubt that a return to some of the simpler virtues and to a reduction of government would be welcomed by very many who, today, believe that we are over-governed and that the complexity of present day life is not necessarily conducive to the highest physical and moral health or even the maximum of happiness.

There are those who believe that the simpler life led by our forebears was productive of greater moral fibre and of more happiness than are to be found among the great rank and file of the people of to-day. There are others, of course, who espouse the opposite viewpoint, but the premise, on either side, is open to debate.

Also Debatable

It may be a debatable question, too, whether or not Prof. Russell is correct in his opinion that a dwindling population will of necessity mean simple virtues and the loss of the prosperity motif, simply because it has done so in the past. Conditions have changed so much since mediaeval days and with changed conditions incentives have changed, that the result of a declining population in this day of development of scientific achievement, may be entirely different to that anticipated by the savant.

One result of declining population which Professor Russell foresees is one which will be hailed with approval by the great majority of the peoples inhabiting the democratic countries and this is his belief that a less belligerent and perhaps more humane world may be expected.

Before these beneficial objectives are to be achieved, however, there is to be a transitional period according to the learned professor, when life will not be too pleasant, for he says: "At first the rate produced by a fall of population and consequent depression are apt to bring a very large amount of government interference as a remedy for its troubles."

Whether or not this large amount of government interference during the transitional period is going to give way ultimately to his predicted simplification of government as a result of revolution must at the cost of so much government to��eave so much government is going to jeopardize the interests of the people. Professor Russell does not reveal.

That also, however, is an interesting topic for cogitation and speculation.

Was Too Kind-Hearted

When kind-hearted Gunter Vare, the affable gatotto publisher, a fat truck farmer of Didsbury, decided providing for incorporation of his beloved, a pair of door, several Polish state railways into the Germanys ago by testing them alongside main railway station. The sturdy stock round like hungry rats, further, authorities the road's time. Determined to ensure his rail no insects of communication to assume the field of action, sprung from the control of all lines in comparison original pair. Varefield tried to drive Polish territory, but tactfully avoided in them away by turning their hives dependent of the British state, with cartridges loaded with salt. But they may say to him for protection and getting.

Polish Railway Lines

The Polish a herd of the far north, the land water. 2337

Rhodes Scholars

Usual Appointments Will Be Made In January

Under special wartime regulations, 10 Canadian Rhodes scholars will be selected in January, 1940, it was announced by D. R. Michener, general secretary for Canada of the Rhodes Scholarship trust.

Selection of Rhodes scholars was temporarily suspended last September because of the war, but it has now been decided that the usual appointments will be made—two each in Ontario and Quebec and one each in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan.

Except in special cases, all scholarships to which elections are made in wartime will be suspended until after the war. Scholars-elect desiring to go to Oxford during the war may be given special permission.

Medical students and researchers are among those most likely to be given permission.

SELECTED RECIPES

MARBLE CUP CAKES

2 cups sifted Swans Down Cake Flour
2 teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter or other shortening
cup sugar
2 eggs, unbeaten
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cinnamon
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon nutmeg
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon mace
2 tablespoons molasses

Sift flour once, measure add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating thoroughly after each. Add flour alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Divide batter into two parts. To one part, add spices and molasses. Put mixtures alternately by teaspoons into greased cup-cake pans, filling them $\frac{2}{3}$ full. Bake in moderate oven (375 degrees F.) 25 minutes. Makes 18 large cup cakes.

GRAPE-NUTS RAISIN COOKIES

2 cups sifted Swans Down Cake Flour
2 teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter or other shortening
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
1 egg, unbeaten
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely cut raisins
6 tablespoons milk
1 cup grapes-nuts

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add egg and beat thoroughly; then raisins, and mix well. Add flour alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating well after each addition. Add grapes-nuts. Drop from teaspoon on greased baking sheet. Bake in moderate oven (375 degrees F.) 20 minutes or until done. Makes four dozen medium cookies.

Forgot Their Furs

Material For Arctic Explorers' Boots Left Behind At Boston

Stay-at-homes pressed efforts to keep the adventurers in the United States Antarctic expedition from getting cold feet.

Three hundred pounds of furs for the explorers' boots were left behind when the expedition's two vessels sailed from Boston. Representatives of the expedition's leader, Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd, found them and, recalling Byrd's comment about Antarctica that "for every man who freezes their hands, there are 25 who freeze their feet" they began attempts to deliver the furs.

Their first hope was to put them on a plane and catch the expedition ship Bear at Norfolk, Va. If they were unable to get a plane in time, the furs will go by railway to Panama, the Bear's next stop after Norfolk.

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Enemy Nationals

Have Easy Time In Internment Camp Wining Of The War Depends Largely Near Kingston

Enemy nationals interned for duration of the war in old Fort Henry near Kingston, Ont., have the same rations as Canadian soldiers, according to a representative of the Dominion government's public information office who visited the camp.

The internees have no complaints about their treatment, apart from complaining about their lost freedom, the official visitor reported. A German chef, interned with them, is in charge of the cooking and daily writes out his essen karte (bill of fare).

Internment camp life is highly organized. Each dormitory has a "room captain" in charge of the internees sleeping there, and in charge of all the room captains is a camp captain. Together they are responsible for the allotment of necessary fatigue duties and for the maintenance of order and cleanliness within the camp.

Internees are encouraged in their hobbies. One internee, a civil engineer, passes his time sketching his comrades. A woodworker carves souvenirs, another man paints Christmas cards. A radio amateur, deprived of a real set, ironically has an imitation aerial of string in his room.

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Speculation As To How Nickname Of John Bull Was Applied To The English

How did it come about that the nickname of John Bull was fastened upon the English?

There is no doubt that Washington Irving had something to do with it. He wrote in his famous Sketch Book, published in 1819, a widely-read essay in which the physical, mental and moral features of Mr. Bull were entertainingly set forth. He said that it was the English themselves who, with their own peculiar species of humor, their love of what is blunt, comic and familiar, and with that singular delight which they always take in exhibiting their own private foibles in a laudable point of view, invented the now familiar figure of "a sturdy, corpulent old fellow with a three-cornered hat, leather breeches and a stout hat, leather breeches and a stout English national character."

This plausible explanation of the origin of the idea, however, does not do justice to the facts. Although this conception of national character commended itself to the English, and although English humor greatly assisted in popularizing and preserving it, the idea was not invented by the English in the first place.

Irving's essay is in the form of an allegory, in which he presents, in a lively fashion, some of the outstanding characteristics of the English, their failings as well as their virtues, their national temper, the structure of their social system, and the nature of their political constitution.

John Bull is represented as the master of an old-fashioned manor house, a country gentleman with a disposition to patronize other people, overbearing, quarrelsome, choleric, contentious, obstinate, but hospitable and bountiful in his housekeeping, indulgent to his dependents, staunch in his religion and of a very dependable character without. With all his faults, so runs the record, he will "stand by a friend in a quarrel with life and purse, however soundly he may be cudgelled". Moreover, though full of humours and obstinate prejudices, John is "a sterling-hearted old blade". As for his reputation among his neighbors, although he may not be quite so fine a fellow as he thinks himself, he is at least twice as good as his neighbors represent him. His virtues are all his own, all plain, homebred and unaffected. His very faults smack of the naivete of his good qualities. He is like his own oak, rough without, but sound and solid within."

Irving's suggestion that the John Bull legend was invented by the English is wide of the mark. The nickname was probably invented, and certainly made popular, over a hundred years before Irving's time by a Scotsman, John Arbuthnot by name, who held the responsible post of physician-in-ordinary to good Queen Anne.

It was about the close of one of Britain's long wars that Arbuthnot wrote a book entitled "The History of John Bull". It was an allegory, in which the several characters are drawn with the pencil of genius. While the portraits themselves are speaking likenesses of their originals, the only successful nickname, the only one that "stuck", was that of John Bull. The others failed to stick, the French "Lewis Baboon", the Dutch "Nice Frog", the Spanish "Lord Strait". Victoria Daily Colonist.

Would Continue Fairs

Agricultural Production Important During War Time

Dr. Horace Barton, deputy federal minister of agriculture, urged in an address before the 16th annual convention of the Canadian Association of Fairs and Expositions that the fairs be continued during the war.

Above all he urged that fairs give special attention to agricultural development since agricultural production is so important in Canada's war effort.

More than 30 delegates representing the nine provinces were present at the convention, including the president Emery Boucher, of Quebec.

Doing Useful Work

Members Of London's W.A.F.S. Tackle Big Job Cheerfully

In just three minutes, 4,000 girls—typists, debutantes, telephone operators, factory workers and mannequins—can jump out of bed, dress, powder their noses and report to their posts, the London News Chronicle reports.

They are members of the Women's Auxiliary Fire Service and most of them are serving two days and nights out of every three at stations in the London Fire Brigade.

They can also fall asleep on a moment's notice and bunk anywhere if they have to. When off duty they "keep house" and where necessary cook for everybody in the station.

Many of the girls have given up jobs that paid a good deal more than the £2 (\$9.00) they receive in the W.A.F.S. but they are pretty cheery about it.

"It makes us feel necessary which is a very nice feeling," one of them said.

And there are often rats and mice to contend with in some of the improvised stations in factories. In fact in one station, "Orace and Arold", two fairly amiable elderly rats are pets with the girls and their lives are to be spared as long as the girls have a sayso.

Nothing To It

Suppression Of London Paper During Last War Was Easy

No newspaper had been suppressed in England for more than a century when, in November 1915, during the World War, the British Government decided to suppress "The Globe", London afternoon paper, since dead—for reiterating its pronouncement that Lord Kitchener had resigned from the War Office, in face of an official denial. The duty of suppressing "The Globe" was placed in the hands of the late Sir Basil Thomson, then head of Scotland Yard.

"Knowing nothing about how one can effectively suppress a newspaper," said Sir Basil, "I walked down with a couple of inspectors into the basement where the big machines were busy and began to talk to the foreman, and after some conversation about the machinery, asked him, if he wanted to make it impossible for these machines to work, how he would get about it. He said: 'That is quite simple. Look here, you see this little piece of metal? I have only to pull that out and put it in my pocket. I thanked him and did so. That was how 'The Globe' was suppressed. I did not wait to see the editor!"

Refugee Children

One Hundred Boys And Girls May Come To Canada From Britain

The Canadian national committee on refugees and victims of political persecution is negotiating with provincial child placement agencies with the object of bringing out 100 refugee children now in the United Kingdom when ocean transportation becomes reasonably safe, possibly next spring. Senator Catherine Wilson, committee chairman, said:

British Columbia is ready to receive refugee children at once and negotiations are progressing satisfactorily in the other provinces, the senator said. The children will be placed in foster homes, not necessarily for adoption, but may be adopted. They will be selected carefully and will be between the ages of three and 13 years.

The boys and girls likely will be chosen from those brought to Great Britain from sections of Europe now under the German Reich, Germans, Czechs and Austrians.

The latest motor cars they say have two horns attached—the first sounds a gruff warning and the second a parting sneer.

Japan plans to civilize the South Sea Islands which it acquired as a mandate after the Great War.

Napoleon became a brigadier-general at the age of 26

Major Kermit Roosevelt

Son Of An American President Who Is Fighting For Britain

Now let us turn to a man who loves us like a brother and a man who also had a father. I refer to Major Kermit Roosevelt, M.C., the son of the illustrious "Teddy", former President of the United States. The major would certainly have been with us in the Boer War if schoolboys had been eligible. As it was, he had to wait until 1914 for his chance. While his country was expounding the doctrine of neutrality, he joined up with the British, and won the Military Cross, serving in the heat and travail of the Mesopotamia campaign.

When the present war broke out he was living at the Roosevelt home in Long Island, a pleasant spot, as my own eyes have witnessed. Being just under 50, he rightly talked the matter over with his mother, who is 82. There was some clause in the United States passport that the owner of it must not join a foreign army. Kermit waved that aside. He refused to admit that Britain was a foreign country.

So he packed his things and boarded an American liner at New York. Just before the ship left a telegram was handed to him. It was from his mother and read: "Good hunting, Love." That telegram may not possess the rarefied spirituality of true pacifism, but there is something magnificently courageous about it.

This a curious war. The emotions lie dormant for days at a time, and one wonders if perhaps they have died. Then comes a story like this one, of the telegram from the 82-year-old widow of an American President to her son off to fight for Britain; and things surge up inside that make a cauldron of the human breast.

Major Roosevelt is with the Middlesex Regiment, which, I gather, is machine-gun-minded. He is a political opponent of his relative at Washington, but admires him. He thinks America will soon be in our side.—"Atticus" in the London Sunday Times.

The Farmer And The War

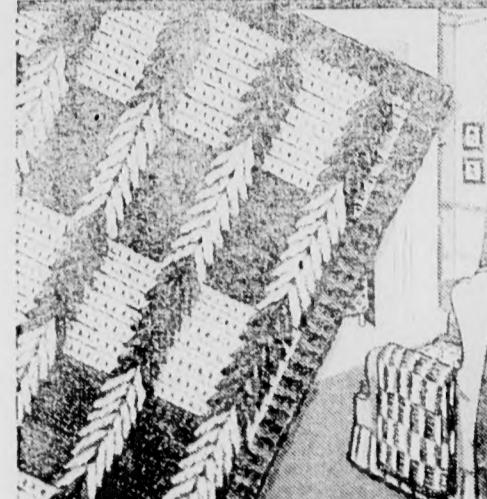
Considerable Percentage Of Rural Enlistments In Different Services

The last war will verify the contention that no part of our population gives more freely of its sons to man the different parts of the active service at the front in time of war than does the farming population. Most farm homes in Canada still call to mind the service given by one or more of its sons or daughters during the last Great World War.

The ranks of the different services are already manned by a considerable percentage of rural enlistments for this war. In emphasizing the service which the farmer can give through production, I am mindful of the fact that he in common with other Canadians is manning the front line trenches." Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Dominion Minister of Agriculture in an address to the United Grain Growers at Winnipeg.

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There is no Alice Brooks pattern book published

Important Part Played By Poultry In Literature Of All Nations From Olden Times

In the social customs, religion, and they may drink."

The rooster was a revered bird in ancient times. Because it gave notice of the rising sun, it was dedicated to Apollo, the sun god, and because the rooster also summoned men to business by his crew, it was also dedicated to Mercury. "Never sacrifice a white rooster" was one of the doctrines of Pythagoras, because it was sacred to the moon. The Greeks said "Nourish a rooster and sacrifice it not", for all roosters were sacred either to the sun or the moon, because the birds announced the hours. The rooster was also sacred to the Goddess of Wisdom and to Esculapius, the god of health. Therefore, the rooster represented time, wisdom and health, none of which were ever sacrificed.

In Mahometan lore, Mahomet found in the first heaven a rooster of such enormous proportions that its crest touched the second heaven. The crowing of this celestial bird arouses every living creature from sleep except man. The Moslem doctors say that Allah lends a willing ear to him who reads the Koran, to him who prays for pardon, and to the rooster whose chant is divine melody. When this rooster ceases to crow the Judgment Day will be at hand.

Before Christian times, the rooster was the war emblem of the Goths, and later in Christian times was placed on church steeples to remind man not to deny his Lord.

In poetry, various odes have been addressed to farm birds.

Guard Hospital Doors

Germicidal Lights Used In Toronto Hospital For Sick Children

Sheets of germicidal ultra-violet light, instead of doors, now guard six cubicles in the new infants' ward of the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Germs are killed if they try to break through the light barrier.

The germicidal lights under reflectors bathe the little rooms within the ward and kill off the germs, Dr. E. Chant Robertson, research fellow in the department of pediatrics, told the Toronto section of the Illuminating Engineering Society.

Preliminary experiments proved that bacteria could be killed off 99.8 per cent almost immediately in these cubicles by germicidal ultraviolet lamps.

Dr. Robertson related that it had been found in United States experimental centres that a beam of this germicidal light thrown across a hospital corridor prevented chickenpox germs from passing the light barrier to infect other wards. Brain surgeons always use the germicidal lamps over the wound while they are operating, Dr. Robertson said.

Reaching Old Age

Lady Gives Luncheon On The Occasion Of Her 95th Birthday

Perhaps you read of the lady in Park Avenue who gave a luncheon and bridge party in recognition of the 95th anniversary of her birthday. It is a goodly age. To reach it in health and strength, to watch the world and to live intelligently and happily, is a rare gift of nature and fortune and ample matter for thanksgiving.

This lady, Mrs. Robert Nicol, is not far from the pioneers. Her grandfather built the first frame house in Toledo. Her father is said to have been the first white child born in that town.

In spite of all the posing and pessimism, the growing at and abuse of life, most of us cling to it. Reasonably free from pain, who would refuse an old age, not "miserable", but tranquil, benign and benevolent like that of our friend from Toledo?—New York Times.

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**PEACE A LITTLE
NEARER**

The victory over the German pocket battleship, the "Admiral Graf Spee", by three British light cruisers will have a far-reaching effect upon the duration of the war, and also upon the export of wheat overseas.

The three German battleships, the "Admiral Graf Spee", the "Deutschland", and the "Admiral Scheer" were built specifically to destroy convoys of ships carrying foodstuffs and other materials.

Not only have these three pocket battleships sunk a number of vessels, but what has been of greater concern they have prevented many Allied convoys of ships carrying wheat and other products from leaving port. It has now been found, however — something hardly anyone suspected — that three small British cruisers can effectively deal with a pocket battleship. The menace, therefore, of the surviving "Deutschland" and "Admiral Scheer" is almost ended; the safety of convoys consequently is much better assured, hence more convoys — escorted by small cruisers — will sail, and so more wheat will leave Canada.

The fact that the menace of the pocket battleships — an arm upon which Germany so depended — has now become greatly lessened, will no doubt tend to hasten the climax of war, and so will tend to bring ultimate peace a little nearer.

—H. G. L. Strange.

The World of Wheat

By H. G. L. STRANGE
Director "Crop Testing Plan"

The New Year throughout the Ages has not always been celebrated on the day we now call January 1st, and even in the present times there are people in certain countries, and others who hold certain religious beliefs, who celebrate their New Year on a different day from that set by our Gregorian calendar.

No matter, however, on what particular day the New Year has been celebrated, it has always been heralded by people wishing each other "Happiness" for the coming year.

Happiness, the ancient records seem to reveal, was usually thought of not as prosperity, which is comparatively a recent wish, but as the simplest of all things: sufficient food; for mankind's greatest fear in the past ever has been, and still is today with many, a lack of sufficient food. That is why the Bible has such comforting assurances to us: "Seeds time and Harvest shall not cease."

We on this continent are fortunate indeed, because we can always enjoy the happiness that flows from an abundance of food; and because also we usually have a surplus, we can enjoy an added happiness if we will see to it that those in other parts of the world who lack food, can obtain easily their needful share of Nature's bounty and abundance.

Following factors have tended to raise price: Calculations indicate Argentina will not have more than about 125 million bushels of wheat for export next crop year — U.S.A. crop one of three smallest since

1900 .. Rice acreage in India about three million acres less than last year .. Danish wheat and coarse grain crops smaller than 1938 crops

Following factors have tended to lower price: Closing of navigation on the Great Lakes .. Wheat harvest in Australia has made good progress, yields are satisfactory .. Production of wheat and corn in Greece for 1939 greater than 1938 .. Snowfall over parts of U.S.A. winter wheat belt tends to stop deterioration of crop.

Why shiver with the cold? Call at Scotts and buy some winter clothing.

Scout and Cub Corner.

During the world gathering of Rover Scouts at Monzie Castle, Scotland, last summer, the laird of the castle, D. Maitland-Makgill Crichton, appeared one day at the camp of the Canadian contingent with a newspaper clipping telling of an old lady at Woodstock, Ont., who had declared that she would die happy if she could have a drink of cold water from the old well at Monzie Castle. The laird inquired whether there were any Canadians from that part of Canada. There were two .. Rovers Harold Taylor of Tillsonburg and Wallace Caswell of Delhi; and they were only too glad to take a bottle of the water back with them, to the old lady's unspeakable surprise and delight.

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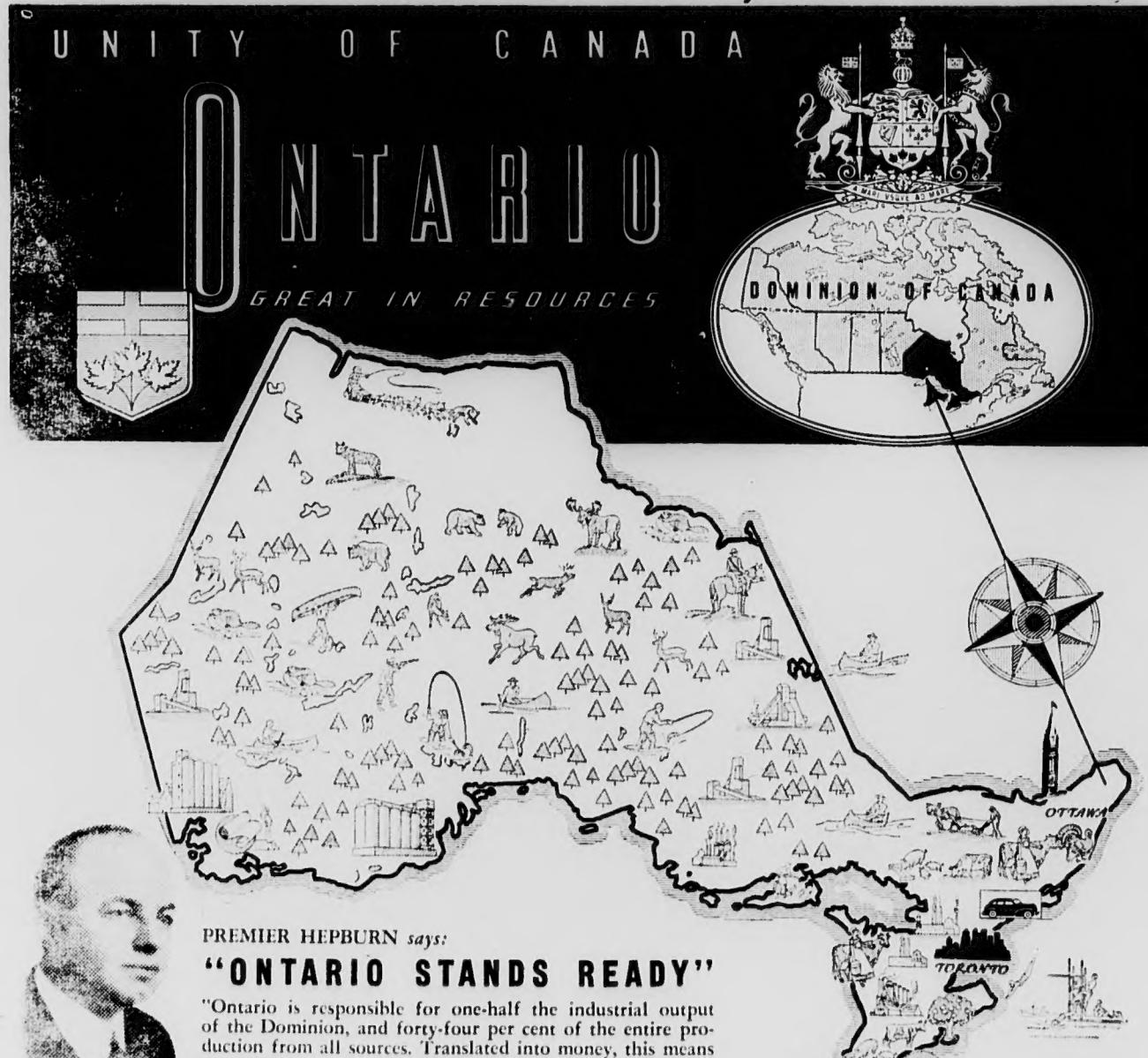
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**One Mascot Sailed.**

OTTAWA, December 1939—"No Mascots" was the effect of an order to all units of the First Division of the Canadian Active Service Force and, apparently, only one lot got away with a modest infraction of the rule, a lively Airdale pup scrambling past some one's blind eye. The Airedale had been smuggled into the port of embarkation by an Ontario Scottish unit. There are stringent quarantine regulations across the seas and it is highly probable the pup will have an enforced stay "somewhere."

This was in strong comparison with the sailing of the First Contingent of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in 1914. No unit was complete without its mascot and the fleet assembled in Gaspe Basin sheltered a varied assortment of dogs, big and little, bear cubs and goats. This Noah's Ark contingent was promptly gathered up on arrival in England but even that drastic measure failed to diminish the army's faith in animal mascots.

1940 Outlook Bright Says Insurance Head

Confidence that the life-insurance would share in the general business improvement awaiting Canada in 1940 has been expressed by Arthur P. Earle, President of the Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association.

Interviewed on the life insurance accomplishment of the past year and on prospects of the coming year, Mr. Earle referred also to the steps taken to safeguard the interests of Canadian policyholders since the outbreak of the war, and gave a brief resume of the present business outlook, with special emphasis on the healthy state of the institution of life insurance in Canada.

The total new business written this year by insurance companies in Canada is estimated to reach 650 million dollars. Mr. Earle announced; total insurance in force about \$6,700,000,000, while the total amount paid to policyholders and beneficiaries exceeded \$150,000,000. These totals, Mr. Earle emphasized, were exclusive of fraternal insurance and compared most favorably with the corresponding figures for 1938.

"General business conditions throughout Canada are better than was the case a year ago," Mr. Earle told the press. "Continuous improvement is in evidence in all directions. Unemployment has lessened considerably through enrollment into military service."

Turning to the war, Mr. Earle reviewed the steps taken to protect the interests of all Canadian policyholders, civilian and military alike, following the outbreak of hostilities in September. He analyzed the war clause now incorporated in all new policies issued, pointing out that it was the view of the life insurance companies transacting business in the Dominion that they should act uniformly on the basis of the best experience and judgment available.

"After careful consideration, said Mr. Earle, and with a view to the safeguarding of Canada's enviable insurance structure, a war and aviation clause was adopted, with the following provisions:

No extra premiums for military or naval service in Canada excluding aviation. Insured has option of paying the required extra premium or service outside Canada, excluding aviation. If extra premium is not paid and death occurs while serving outside Canada or within six months after return to Canada, all premiums will be returned with 3% per cent interest compounded annually. Those who engage in aviation service in Canada have a similar extra premium option, but no option is granted to pay extra premium to cover aviation hazards while serving outside Canada. Extra premiums run from \$10 to \$90 annually per \$1000 of insurance, according to nature of service. Of course these restrictions apply only to new policies. Old policies carry no restrictions governing military or naval service."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincerest thanks and appreciation for the purse donated to us at our recent wedding dance, held in the Rugby hall. The money will be used for the purchase of a mantel clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Brown

Notes From the West

Mrs. J. Hosegood was the winner of the quilt drawn for at the Elkton Xmas concert.

Mrs. McArthur, Miss M. Brown and Mrs. McTavish spent the Xmas weekend with Mrs. W. Davies.

Mr. and Mrs. McFarlane and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hogg and family were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. E. Parker New Year's Day.

Best wishes to Mr. Kennedy for a speedy recovery. Mr. Kennedy is in the Didsbury hospital with pneumonia.

Roger Byrt, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Byrt, also in the hospital with pneumonia, is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Hosegood entertained the Hosegood family, also Mr. and Mrs. Evans and family on Xmas Day and Mr. and Mrs. H. Hosegood entertained New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lowrie, Mr. and Mrs. E. Banting, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hayes and family and Mr. and Mrs. Hogg and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. M. Campbell on Xmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Barnard gave a successful wedding dance in the Elkton school last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Hogg spent last Thursday with her daughter, Mrs. A. Orde, who has been ill for the past two weeks.

Westcott Notes.

Westcott Literary Society will hold a pie social and program in Westcott school tomorrow evening (Friday), January 5th. Ladies free, please bring pie.

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Wanted to buy for all cash immediately—1/4 to 1 section of good land in good district; would consider going concern. R. J. Rollis & Co. Ltd., Lacombe, Alberta. (12e)

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For Sale Reasonable—Two Young Sows and 27 Weaners. Apply to Pete Ilcisin, 8 miles west and 4 north of Didsbury. (11e)

1931 Dodge Sedan For Sale—cheap for cash, apply Box 362—Ozro Traub. (511p)

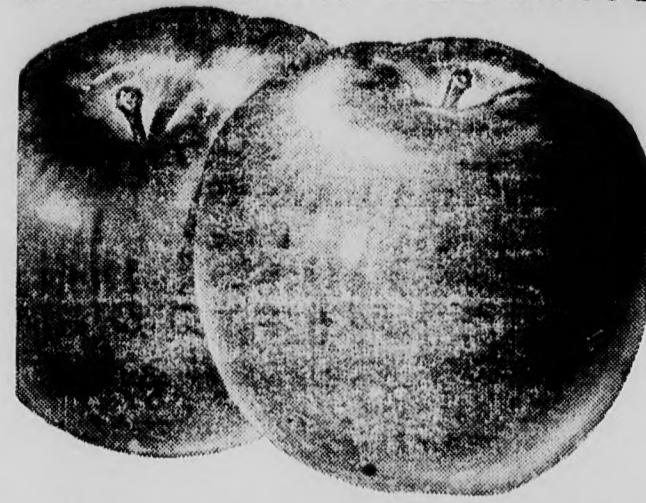
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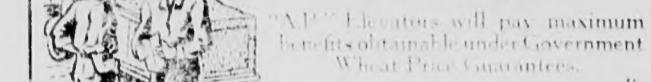
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WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

Sweden's royal family contributed 29,000 kroner (about \$6,900) to the Swedish Red Cross fund for Finland.

Appointment of Captain H. L. Upton as Royal Naval Reserve aide-de-camp to the King, is announced by the admiralty.

Sir Alfred Tobin, 83, who was chief defence counsel at the Old Bailey trial of Dr. Crippen in 1920, died recently in Switzerland.

Upwards of 10,000 engineers in many fields have been registered with the government after a Dominion-wide survey of technical men by the Engineering Institute of Canada.

Frederick Henry Barratt, 21, well known ornithologist who gave promise of becoming a brilliant painter of bird studies, died at his home in Toronto.

The India office announced that the war purposes fund opened two months ago by Lord Linlithgow, viceroy of India, already has grown to more than £150,000 (\$1,754,000) in donations received or pledged.

A group of alleged plotters against the 14-year-old King of Thai (Siam) were executed. They were charged with conspiracy to overthrow the boy-king, Ananda, and restore his uncle and predecessor, Prajadhipok.

There is one group of Scots who have decided this is a fine, fine war. Digging dugouts near an abandoned chateau in France they came on a cache of 150 bottles of champagne of excellent vintage.

It was disclosed authoritatively at Ottawa that veteran American pilots may participate in the training of the Canadian war-time air force and may figure in the empire air training scheme.

Substitute For Coffee

Latest Triumph Of German Chemists Lacks Taste And Aroma

"Ersatz" coffee made of toasted rye and barley with synthetic caffeine is the latest triumph of German chemistry, the Koelnische Zeitung reported at Berlin. The newspaper admitted, however, that the imitation product left something to be desired as to taste and aroma.

"But the exhilarating qualities of coffee are exactly reproduced," the Nazi newspaper said.

The German people must learn to do without real coffee, the Koelnische Zeitung said, painful as such a sacrifice may be. The "ersatz" product is being developed by the German army, it is revealed, and will soon be ready to take its place beside "ersatz" rubber, gasoline, and other synthetic products of Nazi economy.

The German radio issued the following warning to German housewives:

"Reich housekeepers! Do not buy too much bread or potatoes! Do not use all the rations you are entitled to unless you absolutely need them! You are spending your money uselessly and committing a crime against the German nation!"

Various Theories

As To Why British Soldier Is Called Tommy Atkins

One explanation of how Tommy Atkins came to be used to describe the British soldier has been found in the preface pages of the army pay book.

When the war office issued the first "soldier's account book" in the year of Waterloo, the specimen form sent to each serving soldier to show how the book should be filled in bore the name "Atkins, Thomas."

The name continued to appear in later editions of the book until comparatively modern times.

Another tradition says the Duke of Wellington was asked by the war office for the name of a typical British soldier. The duke recalled a private of his old regiment, the 33rd, who had died at his feet on a Flanders battlefield years before. He took a piece of paper and scrawled on it "Thomas Atkins".

Another account says the original Tommy Atkins was a gunner in the royal artillery, a born accountant, who in the 18th century gained the admiration of his comrades and the hatred of the pay sergeant by keeping a private ledger in which all his accounts were accurately balanced each month.

Need For Flax

Says Western Farmers Should Cultivate Essential War Materials

The war has increased the market potentiality of fibre flax, according to L. R. Key, Manitoba fibre authority, and Western Canada farmers should be encouraged to cultivate this essential war material.

Until recent political changes in Europe, Great Britain and Northern Ireland had been able to import most of their supplies of fibre flax from Estonia, Latvia and Soviet Russia. Now these sources of supply have been curtailed.

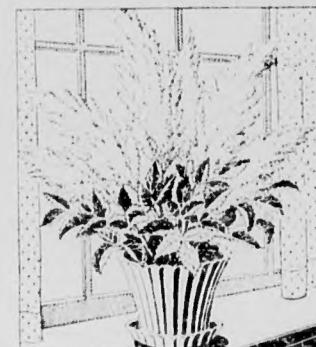
Key pointed out that the importance of developing the possibilities of this market is emphasized by the fact British importers annually buy about 46,000 tons of fibre flax at approximately \$16,000,000.

The three products of this industry which are practical to western products are tow fibres, green fibre and seed. Mr. Key said tests had indicated that fibres from Manitoba were equal in grade to the average product from Russia and other central European countries. Western producers should concentrate on replacing mid-European supplies which now represent the bulk of British imports.

In addition, Key said, there was a permanent market in Eire and Northern Ireland for flax seed. "If there were 200,000 bushels available in western Canada, a ready market could be found for every bushel at remunerative prices," said Key.

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And this favorite plant thrives with very little care. Pot in any sandy loam, water well, and when buds begin to appear keep the pot in a saucer of water.

The astilbe likes an even temperature about 60 degrees during the day, not lower than 50 degrees at night.

Other flowers, foliage plants, too, are easy to grow if you know their likes and dislikes.

Geraniums love sun, but ferns bulk in direct winter sunlight. Gloxinias need water on their leaves, an aspidistra is all the better for a good leaf-washing.

In our 32-page booklet you will find complete instructions for raising many kinds of foliage plants, ferns, bulbs, vines, blooming plants. Has information on fertilizers, watering, repotting, pests. Tells of material to grow in water, window boxes, bracket pots.

Send 10c in coins for your copy of "Making Plants and Flowers Grow Indoors" to Home Service Dept., Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermot Ave. E., Winnipeg, Man.

The following booklets are also available at 15 cents:

- 141 "Self-Instruction in Skiing and Other Winter Sports."
- 178 "Decorative and Useful Objects Everyone Can Make".
- 173 "How to Do the Newest Dance Steps and Variations".

Method Was Crude

The first hair-cutting method consisted of winding the hair about a cylindrical stick, moistening it with a chemical solution, enclosing it in a metal tube and then heating it.

Officer: "Why are you late this morning?"

Batman: "I fell downstairs at the pillet, sir."

"Well, hang it all man, that shouldn't have taken you long!"

The late King George V. of England, made a hobby of collecting budgerigars, the beautiful Australian lovebirds.

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Yes, two and one equal three—and so does this saucy style! For Anne Adams has designed Pattern 4245 with such versatility that it can make three different kiddie outfits. The frock itself is gay alone with its full bias skirt, round collar and big bow. Add the jaunty button-front jacket with bishop sleeves, and there's a new costume! Then, for a third change, use the same pattern to make a jumper dress, perhaps with cute pouch pockets. And to wear with the jumper, stitch up one full-edged, collarless blouse and one tailored blouse with a collar.

Pattern 4245 is available in children's sizes 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12. Size 6, jumper, takes 1 1/2 yards 35 inch fabric, and blouse, 3/4 yard contrast; size 6, dress, takes 2 yards 35 inch fabric and jacket 5/8 yard contrast.

Send twenty cents (20c) in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) for this Anne Adams pattern. Write plainly Size, Name, Address and Style Number and send orders to the Anne Adams Pattern Dept., Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermot Ave. E., Winnipeg.

Some Old Bridges

"Quite a span," remarks the London Free Press referring to Blackfriars bridge in Old London, being 45 years old. But its neighbor London bridge, is 108 years old, replacing a bridge which was opened in 1209, which replaced a bridge believed to have been built by the Romans. "Quite a span".

The name rhododendron comes from the Greek words meaning "rose-tree", but the flower is neither a rose nor a tree.

Educational Films

Saskatchewan University To Be A Film Depot For The National Film Society Of Canada

The National Film Society of Canada has asked the University of Saskatchewan to act as its agent for the distribution of educational films within the province of Saskatchewan and it has, therefore, been decided to establish a film depot at the University. The National Film Society is a voluntary federal organization on whose executive sit some of the leading educationalists of the country. The society is interested in promoting the use of films for educational purposes and is arranging to have a small collection of its films located at a number of depots throughout Canada. They will have both sound and silent films, and these will be loaned at a nominal rental to schools, clubs, societies and other organizations that own or can secure a satisfactory projector. The organizations borrowing these films will also have to pay express or postage charges to and from Saskatoon or other points in the province from which or to which the film is being shipped.

All those who wish to use these films must register with the Extension Department of the University of Saskatchewan and supply information on the type of projector which they intend to use. Only societies or schools with projectors of approved make and in good working order and where there is a capable operator will be allowed to make use of the National Film Society's films.

For further information those interested should write to the Film Service, Extension Department, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Training Pilots

Air Training Plan To Be Under Way By Next March

Actual training of pilots under the plan whereby Canada will be the Empire's air training centre probably will be well under way by next March, according to Lord Riverdale, head of a British air mission.

Extension of Canada's airfields under the scheme should be started in the next few weeks.

A large number of British pilots will come to Canada for the training, besides flyers from Australia and New Zealand who will be trained here with Canadians, and a few Newfoundlanders also are expected he said.

If They Could Speak

A wax model of Hitler has been placed in the famous Madame Tussaud's exhibition in London. If the other assassins represented there could only speak says the Toronto Star, how they would resent that insult.

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CANADA'S FLYING NURSES

Only registered nurses are accepted as stewardesses on the Trans-Canada Air Lines. This does not mean that the T.C.A. considers flying hazardous. Robert Ayre explains in an interesting article in "The Canadian Nurse". It is simply a recognition of the fact that, in spite of widening experience there are still travellers who think it is.

"One reason the stewardess is a nurse," says this official of the T.C.A., "is because nurses inspire confidence. Practical and poised women, cheerful and tactful, they are experienced in the art of helping people to forget their nervousness and of making them feel at ease."

"The T.C.A. stewardess must be a girl of good education and she must have a pleasing and courteous manner. These things naturally follow when she is a nurse. It follows, too, that she will be in excellent physical condition. The T.C.A. is strict about this and the stewardesses report for medical examination every three months. The regulations say that a girl must not wear glasses and they add definite specifications regarding her height and weight. She may weigh as little as ninety-five but no more than 125 pounds. She must not be below five feet tall nor above five feet five inches. She must not be under 21 nor over 26 years of age. Married women are not acceptable as T.C.A. stewardesses even if their husbands are dead or divorced. Only Canadians are engaged."

Incidentally, the word "hostess" is never used on the Trans-Canada Air Lines. "Stewardess" seeming more apt in identifying the functions of the young lady whose task is to serve the public.

Editorial Note: Readers desiring the complete set of Dr. McCullough's cancer articles at once may secure same by writing to The Health League of Canada, 105 Bond St., Toronto, Ont.

Indians Are Loyal

B.C. Organization Would Aid Country In Time Of Stress

Hundreds of Indians attending the 10th annual convention of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia were told by one of their leaders, "It is our duty as patriotic citizens to put aside our personal claims or the claims of our brotherhood and aid our country in this time of stress."

The statement was made by Ambrose Reid, advisor to the brotherhood, who said "Our country is at war, so we the native brotherhood are also at war."

Reid's address was made in three languages, English, Chinook and his native Simshian tongue, to the largest brotherhood convention ever held.

The adviser said the brotherhood had been formed to help the Indians become self-supporting rather than a burden on the country. It cooperates with the department of Indian affairs and with church missions.

"People on relief are called wards of the government," he said, "and Indians are also wards of the government, but we do not want the two terms to be confused."

"We do not want to be on relief. We want to be self-supporting."

In Earthquake Centre

Japan, situated as it is, with the ocean bed dropping sharply away, is a veritable earthquake centre. The people live in constant dread of quakes, and never become accustomed to them, in spite of their frequency.

For Automobile Drivers

Automobile drivers should think and look ahead as well as nearby to avoid danger.



Belgium's royal males, King Leopold III, centre, his son and heir-apparent, Prince Baudouin, right, and the King's brother, Prince Charles, left, stand at attention as they honour the country's war dead in Brussels. Belgium faces another Nazi threat to-day.

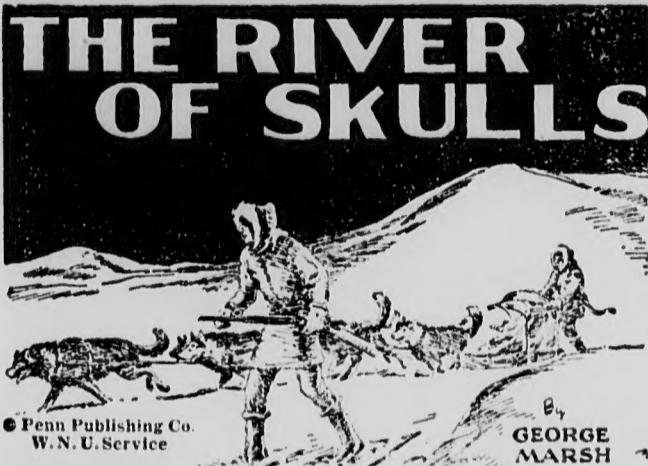
MR. CAFFEINE-NERVES finds he's vulnerable



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By
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CHAPTER X. Continued

Alan looked long at the sun, his last sun. His tormented eyes, now swollen almost shut, dropped to the barrens toward the river and back to the caribou path he had followed from the fringe of the timber. Then his heart checked, to leap wildly as the blood pounded in his throat. There on a rise, silhouetted against the sky stood a black animal with lifted nose scented the air. Then it disappeared.

Time! Time! He must have time! He forgot the agony of the myriad flies that had spotted his face and hands with blood. He burst into a wild sing-song in imitation of a conjuror he had once heard at the Lake of the Snows. The Indians chattered 20 feet away, evidently disturbed.

Then as the kindlings failed to catch from the tinder he cried:

"Tshipi! The Spirit! He has answered! See, he has ordered the spruce sticks not to burn! My spirit is strong! He is overhead, there, in the sky!"

The Naskapi followed Alan's eyes to where a raven circled low to the earth, above them. With a desperate heave, Alan freed his hands and still keeping his elbows stiff against his sides, got the knife from his pocket and opened it behind his back.

A little longer! If he could delay the starting of the fire again until he was ready ready to make his fight for life!

While the uneasy Indians still talked with awed voices as they watched the circling raven, Alan

continued in the whine of a coast medicine man.

"Tshipi, my brother, is here. He has heard my call. He comes as a raven to make the spruce sticks smoke, but not burn!"

The four Naskapi stood, swart faces twisted with apprehension, watching the circling raven, when with a roar, a great dog bounded into the fold in the tundra.

"Roughy! Come on Roughy! Get 'em, boy!" shouted the half-delirious Cameron, slashing the thongs at his neck and rushing headlong at the startled group of Naskapi.

"Atimwok!" shrieked the leader, picking up his gun and firing wildly from the hip at the bounding husky as Alan reached them from the rear and drove his short-bladed knife deep into the back of the nearest man. As he turned, a rifle roared in his face and, half-blinded, he dove headlong at the knees of the Indian holding the smoking gun, hurling him to the ground. But the impact drove the knife from his hand. Desperate with the thought that his wound would sap his last ounce of strength, Alan tore his right arm free from the grip of the writhing Indian, pinioned the other's knife hand to his side and found his throat. With the strength of a madman, the Naskapi fought to free his neck from the white man's fingers that closed on his windpipe like a vise. But the hunter who fought gainst time the instant his wound would suddenly slow his heart would not be denied. Holding his enemy with the grip of a bear he choked him into insensibility.

Behind Alan, raging like a fury, the husky, escaping the two shots from the muzzle loaders, leaped and slashed at the two retreating Indians who fought the frenzied dog with their empty guns and their knives. Avoiding by a side leap the clubbed gun of one Rough catapulted into the older man who slashed the air in a wild thrust as the canny Ungava again dodged. Then as the Indian stumbled backward, the dog leaped in and struck with his long tusks at the exposed throat, ripping the flesh like paper. As the Ungava made a side spring away from his enemy, a gun butt crashed on his skull. With a roar of rage, the great dog staggered, shook his head, then leaped back as the gun butt again arched through the air. But as the clubbed gun missed its mark, Rough leaped, carrying the Indian beneath him to the moss. A knife flashed in the sun, as the maddened husky's tusks snapped and tore, struck again and again. The thrashing shape beneath the dog suddenly relaxed. Mad with rage, the Ungava shook the Naskapi with a ripped jugular, like a rabbit.

Near him, the panting Alan lay

across the limp body of the Indian, still pinning his throat with his smoothed stockings, then went to closed fingers. The swollen tongue her tent, and ran a comb through her short hair. As she came out, Noel was watching her. She smiled. The Indian returned the smile. Heather liked Noel and knew that he shared her secret.

"Well, what in the devil's happened to you two?" demanded McCord, as the frisking puppies followed by the badly limping Rough,

and Alan with his back load of deer meat, came out of the scrub.

Alan waved his hand, walked to the beach and dropped his pack. His eyes were swollen almost shut and his head, neck and hands smeared with blood from insect stings. From his forehead rose a great red welt, where the flesh had been broken.

One side of his face was smudged with a powder burn and his shirt around the bullet hole peppered with powder.

reaches of rapids and white falls leaping headlong over towering ledges to plunge into wide basins beneath; passing cliffs that lifted a sheer thousand feet of granite wall above the timbered floor of the valley, where golden eagles soared above inviolate nests and gyrfalcons flashed through the air like winged arrows, they pushed on toward the goal that beckoned their paddles.

(To Be Continued)

Electric Autos

British Isles Are Using Electrically Driven Vehicles

The high cost of gasoline and the rationing of the supply are causing users of automobile transport in the British Isles to look toward electrically driven vehicles. The type is almost unknown in this country, but they are fairly common for commercial purposes in England, especially in London. There were about 5,000 in service before the war broke out, and the companies producing "electromobiles" are planning to make 50,000 within a year.

These cars are operated by batteries, and will do 35 miles on one "charge", costing one-third the price of gasoline for the same distance; there is no wastage in starting and stopping, they start at once in the coldest weather and they run with absolute silence.

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Cosmic Rays

Although 650 Years Old, Were Used To Turn On A Beacon Light



"I'm hungry for red meat after so much fish."

"Alan! Alan!" Heather choked running to the tired hunter who stood grinning at his startled friends. "Alan Cameron, you've been hurt! Your head? It's all swollen and bloody and your eyes are almost shut! You've been bitten to death by mosquitoes and black flies! Oh, Alan, what's happened to you?"

"Good lord, you're a sight, man!" cried McCord. "And look at Rough! Did you two run into a bear?"

"Four bears," said Alan, with a grimace.

Noel squinted at Cameron's tattooed shirt.

"Ah-hah! You get shot at close to, dere," he exclaimed, pointing at the bullet hole and powder stains.

"Shot at?" cried McCord. "You met the Naskapi?"

Alan nodded. "The last of the migration is passing to the east! I got two. On my way back with the meat, they cracked me on the head, ambushed me, were going to burn me, but Rough chewed his leash and found us in time."

"Burn you!" McCord exclaimed. "God, that's awful!"

"Burn you!" gasped Heather, then with a sob cried. "I knew something was wrong today! I knew it! I'll heat some water for your head, and get soda for your poor face. And oh, see Rough's shoulder!"

While he and his hungry dog ate, and Heather and Noel bathed their wounds, Alan told the story.

The following morning with Rough in the boat because of his stiff shoulder, the Petershore paddled down the desolate river valley. Packing with infinite toll around impassable

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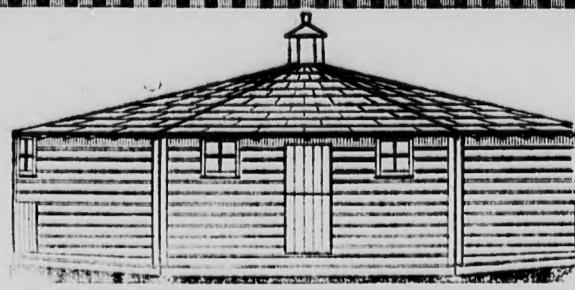
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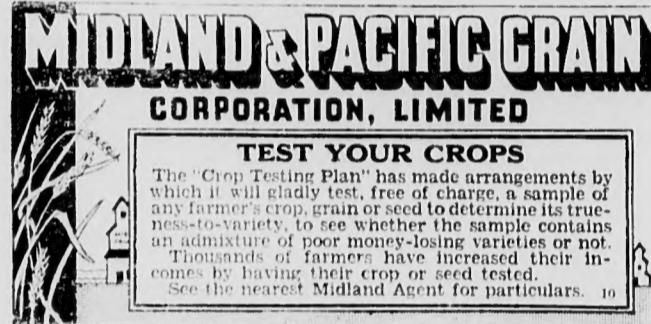
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RED CROSS DANCE THURSDAY JANUARY 18th

Remember—it's a Date!

LOCAL & GENERAL

Delmar Foote, of the University of Alberta, spent the holiday at his parental home here.

Mr. C. D. Carver is spending the holidays with his son, Dr. Ellis and Mrs. Carver at Emmett, Idaho.

Mrs Harder, of Calgary, was a visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ady and friends for New Year's.

C. E. Reiber, president of the Rosebud Hockey League, attended a league meeting at Bowden last evening.

About trying one of Scotts \$1.00 heavy winter work shirts

Mr. Bob Gulliver, of the University of Alberta, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gulliver.

Murray Kendrick, who is attending the University of Alberta, was a holiday visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kendrick.

Mr. Bert Blough and Miss Opal Blough, of Crossfield, were holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wall and family.

In the Xmas draw at the New Shoppe, Muriel Devolin won 1st prize, Katie Goosen 2nd and June Wyman 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. O'Brien and son, of Ponoka, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Eubank and Bob over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Woodworth, of Banff, were holiday visitors with Mr. H. W. Chambers and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cockburn.

Keep Thursday evening, January 18th, open for the Red Cross Dance Sonny Fry's orchestra. Have a good time and support a good cause.

A. Melville Anderson, Optometrist and Optician, 224-8th Avenue West, established in Calgary since 1910, will be at the Rosebud Hotel on Wednesday afternoon, January 10.

Mr. Aylmer Liesemer, of Calgary, and Mr. Goldie Liesemer, of Barren, Alberta, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Liesemer.

The first lecture of the St. John's Ambulance Class will be held in the Legion Hall to-day (Thursday), at 8 p.m. Bring note books and pencil.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morton, of Craigmyle, were visitors Wednesday last with Mr. and Mrs. George Babcock. Mrs. Morton is a niece of Mrs. Babcock.

The draw for the doll raffled by the 2nd Troop Didsbury Ranger Girl Guides was won by Mrs. Dorothy Johnson (nee Dorothy Kon-schuh), of Carstairs.

K. Roy McLean, Optometrist and Optician—at Rosebud Hotel, Monday morning, January 8. Wednesday to Saturday consult at 209-210, Southam Building, Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood Evans, of Pincher Creek; Mr. Elmer Evans, of Calgary; Mr. Arthur Evans, of Innisfail, and Mr. Fred Evans were holiday visitors with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Evans.

Don't forget, you fellows, the annual meeting of the Didsbury Junior Board of Trade will be held tonight (Thursday), at 9, in the Legion Hall. No member should want to miss this meeting.

Mr. George Boorman, who is attending the University of Alberta; Mr. Arthur Boorman, of Turner Valley; Mr. and Mrs. W. Stock and Miss Elsie Stock, of Olds, were Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. Boorman and family.

Miss Lorna Clarke, of the CFRN radio staff, Edmonton, and Bruce Clarke of the University of Alberta, were holiday visitors at the home of their parents, Dr. J. L. and Mrs. Clarke. Mrs. Clarke and Bruce made a hurried trip to Edmonton on Christmas day.

Mrs. L. M. Currie of High River, formerly of Didsbury; Miss Annie Currie and Mr. Jack Currie, also of High River, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Parsons Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Verne Gillrie. Mr. and Mrs. Gillrie and Mr. and Mrs. Parsons returned with their visitors to High River for New Year's.

LOCAL & GENERAL

Mr. Otto Mueller, of Ghost Pine, spent New Yr's, with his sister, Mrs. A. C. Fisher and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Julien, of Bowden, were New Year's guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fisher.

Bob Wrightson, of the Royal Air Force, was a holiday visitor with his grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Stevens.

L'Cpl. L J Gush of the 8th Field Ambulance, R.C.A.M.C., spent New Year's with Robert and Harold Gulliver.

Ptes. Jack Booker, Ed and Russell Carlton, of the Calgary Highlanders, spent the Xmas holidays at their respective homes here.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Morrow, of Calgary, spent the Xmas holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Reiber and family.

Hughie Williams, who had been relieving at the C.P.R. depot at Wetaskiwin was home for the holidays. He is now relieving at the depot at Coronation.

Miss Laura Buhr of Calgary and Mr. Ed. Buhr of Wilson's Siding, near Lethbridge, were holiday visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Buhr, Sr.

Too tough to hold the "Dead End Kids" is "Hell's Kitchen" which comes to the Opera House Monday and Wednesday next. Out of the melting pot of crime to a city of boys

Mr. Vic Friesen, of the Royal Bank staff, who had been convalescing at his home in Medicine Hat, is back on duty as teller. Mr. W. G. Fair, who was relieving here, has returned to Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rennie and family were holiday visitors with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Rennie and other relatives. Mr. Rennie is now with the Government Telephones at Red Deer.

Word has been received of the death of Mr. Alvin Liesemer, aged 46, who passed away at Woodstock, Ont., on Sunday last. Mr. Liesemer was a brother of Mrs. Berscht and Mr. W. G. Liesemer and resided for several years in Didsbury, leaving here about ten years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fulkerth and family of Shelby, Montana, and Mr. and Mrs. Hammond and daughter of Conrad, Montana, were Xmas visitors with Mrs. L. B. Fulkerth and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Fulkerth returned with the visitors to Montana last Thursday.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lowrie were Lance-Bombardier Paul Frasch, R.C.F.A., and Mrs. Frasch, Miss Vera Lowrie of Calgary, Miss Jean Lowrie of the Holy Cross Hospital, Miss Marjorie Robinson of Calgary and Mr. Ted Brook of Sundre.

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W.C.T.U. NOTES

The January meeting of the W.C.T.U. will be held at the home of Miss Cressman. The Day of Prayer will be observed.

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